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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Mitch PRATER

Art Unit: 2671

Application No.: 09/012,674

Examiner: Lance Sealey

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For: PSEUDO AREA LIGHTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 21, 2001

Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 20, 2000 (Paper No. 13) and the Advisory Action dated March 28, 2001 (Paper No. 15). Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the above-noted application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

*Sub C1*  
B1 1. (Amended) A method for illuminating surfaces in computer graphics

comprising the steps of:

constructing a plurality of finite light sources within a computer animated scene, each of the finite light sources having a finite size and a center;

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